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SUBJECT/ FOUR SWEDISH PARTIES PROTEST SOLZHENITSYN EXPULSION

SUMMARY: PRIMIN PALME DELIVERED STATEMENT IN RIKSDAG  
FEB. 27 CONDEMNING SOVIET EXPULSION OF SOLZHENITSYN.  
HIS STATEMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY THREE OF OTHER FOUR  
PARTIES IN RIKSDAG, THE LEFT COMMUNIST (VPK) BEING  
ONLY DISSENTER. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING FEB. 27 DEBATE IN RIKSDAG ON NEW CONSTITUTION  
PRIME MINISTER PALME TOOK OCCASION TO MAKE STATEMENT OF  
SWEDISH CONCERN ABOUT EXPULSION OF ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN  
AND THE PLIGHT OF OVER SOVIET DISSENTERS. THE STATEMENT  
WAS PROMPTED BY A LETTER TO PALME AND OTHER PARTY LEADERS  
FROM LIBERAL LEADER GUNNAR HELEN SUGGESTING SOME KIND OF  
JOINT PARY PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET ACTION.

2. IN HAS PREPARED STATEMENT READ TO RIKSDAG, PALME  
SAID: "THERE IS REASON TO EXPRESS OUR INDIGNATION AND  
DISMAY WHEN WE LEARN ABOUT INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS OF  
PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESECUTED BECAUSE THEY GIVE THEIR VIEWS  
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ON LITERARY, HISTORICAL OR POLITICAL ISSUES. WE REACT

AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN. A MAN MUST BE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO A HOMELAND, THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND WORK IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT WE ARE DISTURBED BY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT COERCIVE MEASURES ARE PLANNED AGAINST OTHER PROMINENT PERSONS IN SCIENCE AND LITERATURE. I AM THINKING OF A MAN LIKE PROFESSOR SACHAROV. " PALME CONCLUDED: "WE ARE CLOSELY OBSERVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CASES I HAVE MENTIONED, IN THE SAME WAY AS WE DO WITH REGARD TO THE TREATMENT OF DISSENTERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.."

3. CENTER PARTY LEADER THORBJORN FALLDIN AND MODERATE LEADER GOSTA BOHMAN IN SHORT STATEMENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF PALME DECLARATION, AS DID GUNNAR HELEN. COMMUNIST (VPK) LEADER HERMANSSON SAID HE COULD NOT JOIN SINCE IT WAS INCONSISTENT TO ENGAGE IN MANIFESTATIOS OF THIS TYPE, SINGLING OUT ONE SINGLE INCIDENT, IGNORING OTHERS. HOWEVER, HE SAID VPK HAD OTHER OPINIONS ABOUT RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS THAN THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES (HE HAS, IN FACT, GONE ON RECORD DISAPPROVING THE EXPULSION--SEE STOCKHOLM 661).

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